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Mr. Lester Snow, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Snow (and Members of the Program):

I understand that your organization is seriously considering recommending the enlargement of the Shasta Dam and Reservoir. Further, this proposal --to raise the height of the Shasta Dam-- is the leading candidate to be the keystone of your long-term CALFED solution strategy for California's water problems. To establish the order of priority, this proposal is now being compared, in turn, with 11 other proposed solution possibilities or actions; eight of which involve additional surface water storage.

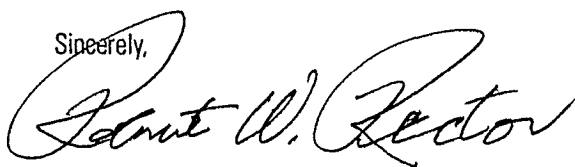
Your focus on the recommendation calling for the enlargement of the Shasta/McCloud Dam should be a matter of great concern to all Californians. Certainly, this would be a costly effort any way you look at it. The stakes are high, economically and environmentally. If comments are in order, I would like to respond.

First, as a citizen of California, I write to ask that in all of your negotiations you give full consideration to the legality of the proposed expansion of the Shasta Dam and Reservoir. Literally, a great deal of water has "flown over the dam" since Shasta was built in 1945. Environmental legislation has been passed and local infrastructure is in place to protect the environment. Specifically, in this instance, does not the California Wild and Scenic River Act apply to the McCloud River? The local residents proudly tell me that their McCloud River is singled out in the Wild and Scenic River Act as a unique resource of the State of California and is especially worthy of protection. And, a Coordinating Resource Management Plan (CRMP) is already in place to manage the resources of the McCloud River. Please take these facts into account in your deliberations.

Secondly, as a pragmatist, I write to ask that you give particularly strong consideration to the four alternatives now before you that *do not* require the involvement of additional surface water storage and/or conveyance facilities. I assume that such proposals promote the efficient use, conservation, and reclamation of our existing water resources. Here, too, the experience of the last 20 or so years has shown that much can be done to stretch our resources when it is necessary to do so. If the enlargement of the Shasta Dam is only a ploy to bring more water to Southern California, then clearly priorities should be established and alternative solutions (e.g., desalinization) be investigated.

Finally, as a private individual, I write to ask that you join with me, the other members of my family, and our friends to protect and preserve the beauty of the McCloud River. I have had the unforgettable experience of walking along its banks. It is truly special.

Sincerely,



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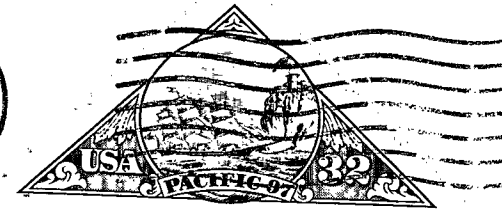
p.s. Please add my name to your mailing list used to keep the citizenry informed and involved in your deliberations which will have a profound impact on our public and private lives. Also advise me on how to obtain copies of the alternatives now before you (self-addressed, stamped envelope enclosed). Thank you.

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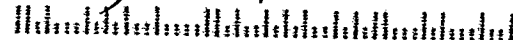
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